it your self so good by
from your Aunt
Mary A Johnson

Dear niece I received your
Letter last week and was
very glad to hear from you
again I have writen so
many letters to your Father
and Mother and got no
answer that I had given up
ever hearing from you
again I had not forgotten
for I think you very
often and wish that I
could see you all again
I live 5 miles north of
Maquoketa I have twenty
one acres of land and a
frame house and a barn
house and a log stable on
it and 116 Apple trees and
two cherry trees it is
a pretty place it on the

main road and there is another place across the from me for sale I wish your Father would by it Arabell would be so glad to have you come and so would I I wish your Mom and Dave Smith me I have sad news to tell you James is ded he died the 4 of December and Alice my little girl that was a baby when you was at my house she died the 21 of January and your uncle Andrew is ded he died the 9 of February and I have had very hard times since I have ben left alone Calico is 40 cts a yard flower 5 dolars a hundred Corn and potatoes 40 cts a bushel Coffee 60 cts Butter 25 cts egg ten cents a dozen 25 pork ten dolars a hundred one foot molases one dolar and 50 a gallon I made about a barrel of molasses and raised my oats and potatoes I have not got my Corn all husk yet but I will finish it this week I have six Children 5 boys and one girl I wish your Mother would give me one of her girls Bell at Canton to work this winter she will write to you soon I have ben out to Indiana since I saw your Mother Reind and Calvin and William has ben hear I believe I have nothing more to write Direct your letters to Maquoketa Jackson Co Iowa give my love to your Father and Mother and except